

## REMARKS

Please cancel Claims 5, 11, 18 and 25 without prejudice. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 14-16, 19, 22 and 27 are amended herein. No new matter is added as a result of the claim amendments.

### Abstract

The abstract is objected to because it is too long. The amended abstract corrects this deficiency.

### 103 Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khoyi et al. ("Khoyi," U.S. Patent No. 5,206,951). The Applicant has reviewed the cited reference and respectfully submits that the present invention as recited in Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 is not shown or suggested by Khoyi.

Independent Claim 1 recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to a method comprising "using a universal conduit resident on said host device to transfer data to said handheld device during a synchronization process between said host and handheld devices, said data containing an indication of a file type corresponding to an identified application, wherein said universal conduit is used with more than one of applications known to said handheld device in lieu of a custom conduit specific to said identified application." Claims 2-4 and 6-7 are dependent on Claim 1 and recite additional limitations.

Independent Claim 8 recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to a method comprising "using a universal conduit resident on said host device to transfer data containing a record to said handheld device during a synchronization process between said host and handheld devices, said data containing an indication of a file type corresponding to an identified application, wherein said universal conduit is used with all applications known to said handheld device in lieu of a custom conduit specific to said identified application." Claims 9-10 and 12-14 are dependent on Claim 8 and recite additional limitations.

Independent Claim 15 recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to a system comprising a host computer system comprising "a universal conduit for transferring a data file containing a record to a handheld device during a synchronization process between said host computer system and said handheld device, said data file containing an indication of a file type corresponding to an identified application, wherein said universal conduit is used with all applications known to said handheld device in lieu of a custom conduit specific to said identified application." Claims 16-17 and 19-21 are dependent on Claim 15 and recite additional limitations.

Independent Claim 22 recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to a method comprising "upon ... synchronization, exporting said stream file via a universal conduit resident on said host computer system, wherein said universal conduit is used with all applications known to said handheld device in lieu of a custom conduit specific to said application." Claims 23-24 and 26-27 are dependent on Claim 22 and recite additional limitations.

Applicant respectfully submits that Khoyi does not show or suggest the limitations of independent Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 cited above. Applicant respectfully submits that Khoyi does not show or suggest a synchronization process between a host a host device (or a host computer system) and a handheld device. More particularly, Applicant respectfully submits that Khoyi does not show or suggest a synchronization process between a host device and a handheld device, in which the synchronization process uses a universal conduit in lieu of a custom conduit (where a universal conduit is used with more than one or with all applications known to the handheld device, as opposed to a custom conduit which is specific to a particular application).

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Khoyi does not show or suggest the present claimed invention as recited by independent Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22, and that Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 are therefore in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Khoyi does not show or suggest the additional claimed features of the present invention as recited in Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-14, 16-17, 19-21, 23-24 and 26-27 dependent on Claims 1, 8, 15 and 22, and that Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-14, 16-17, 19-21, 23-24 and 26-27 are in condition for allowance as being dependent on allowable base claims. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection of Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is traversed.

### Conclusions

In light of the above remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Based on the arguments presented above, the Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-24 and 26-27 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, the Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these claims.

The Applicant has reviewed the references cited but not relied upon. The Applicant did not find these references to show or suggest the present claimed invention: US 6,070,168; US 6,047,312; US 6,418,554; US 6,502,864; and US 6,549,917 (it is noted that US 6,502,864 has a filing date after the filing date of the instant application).

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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